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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

- 1. USG AGREES THAT GOM MAY EXCEED CONSULTATION LEVEL IN CATEGORY 240 BY 1,720,580 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT (SYE).
- 2. BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY OF KNIT SHIRTS IN DOMESTIC MARKET USG UNABLE TO AGREE TO GOM REQUEST TO EXCEED CATEGORY 42 LIMIT BY 984,000 SYE. AS ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF ALLOWING INCREASED ACCESS FOR THIS CATEGORY, HOWEVER, USG PROPOSES THAT FOR CURRENT AGREEMENT YEAR CATEGORIES UNCLASSIFIED

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42 AND 43 BE MERGED AND MADE SUBJECT TO A COMBINED CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 1.7 MILLION SYE. WE ALSO NOTE THAT OUR STATISTICS SHOW THAT ENTRIES FOR CURRENT AGREEMENT YEAR THROUGH OCTOBER 31 'ERE 21,710 SYE IN CATEGORY 42 AND 6,077 SYE IN CATEGORY 43. IN VIEW OF LOW LEVEL OF SHIPMENTS WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY COULD SUPPLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BASIS FOR REQUEST FOR INCREASE.

- 3. WE ARE REVIEWING REQUESTS FOR PERMISSION TO EXCEED LEVELS IN CATEGORIES 228 AND 237. THESE ARE CATEGORIES ITH A HIGH DEGREE OF SENSITIVITY.
- 4. WE ARE ALSO REVIEWING REQUEST FOR EXTRAORDINARY INCREASES IN CATEGORIES 225 AND 238. USG NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT SPECIFIC LIMITS ARE SET FOR MOST SENSITIVE CATEGORIES AND IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WILL CHANGE OVER THE LIFE OF THE AGREEMENT.
- 5. TN ACCORDANCE WITH GOM REQUEST, USG WILL APPLY CARRY FOR'ARD AND SING IN CATEGORIES 225 AND 238. NO CARRY OVER IS AVAILABLE IN EITHER CATEGORY, SINCE LIMITS FOR PAST AGREEMENT YEAR WERE FULLY UTILIZED. FYI ABOVE CHANGES IN CONSULTATION LEVELS WILL HAVE TO BE FORMALIZED BY EXCHANG OF LETTERS BETEEN U.S. AND GOM. HOEVER, WE ARE DEFERRING SENDING TEXT OF LETTER UNTIL E DETERMINE USG RESPONSE ON OTHER CATEGORIES. WE EXPECT TO RESPOND ON THESE BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY. END FYI VANCE

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